RAGE

We won't stop until everyone who can get pregnant in every state has the right to a safe, legal and accessible abortion.

We're staying in the streets and using the collective power
of our movement to mobilize for abortion rights and more this summer.

Join us in D.C. on July 9
to demand executive action to protect abortion rights NOW.

En Español

Key Information

When: July 8th & 9th

Where: Washington D.C.

Target: The Biden Administration

Demand: Take Executive Action to Protect Abortion Rights NOW

Sign-Up Form: **womensmarch.com/rage**

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OVERVIEW & GOALS

Why are we targeting the White House?

We are targeting the White House because there are many actions that the Biden Administration can and must take immediately in order to protect human rights in this moment of national crisis.

What are our demands?

We are echoing the call from Black congresswomen asking Biden to declare a national emergency that would free up additional funds and help expedite some of the bare minimum actions the administration must take, such as directing the FDA to issue new guidance that removes unnecessary barriers to abortion pills, and suing abortion ban states to preserve abortion pill access. The Administration could also offer to cover the cost of fines related to abortion services that states may impose, as they did for teachers who violated state bans on mask mandates. They could lease sections of federal land to abortion care providers. This is a national emergency and a public health emergency. **The Biden Administration can and must take executive action to protect abortion rights NOW.**

What does it mean that this action is a "targeted civil disobedience" and not a mass march?

The goal of this action is not mass numbers of participants, but a smaller number of people taking coordinated action together in order to elevate a demand to a specific target. In a mass march, there is usually a broader set of demands to a broad set of targets, and sometimes there aren't any specific demands at all. The goal is typically to mobilize as many people as possible, and usually organizers of a march take steps to *avoid* arrest.

What if I can't or don't want to risk arrest?

While we welcome everyone to participate, the action will be centered around folks who are risking arrest. If you are able to come and support, please do so! In order to be supportive of the action, you must attend a training.

Why is training mandatory for everyone?

Everyone must attend a training so that we all know the plan and are able to move in a synchronized way. For those who are interested in risking arrest, you will need to

know all of the details to determine whether it makes sense for you or not (informed consent).

If you don't want to risk arrest but want to be supportive of the action overall, then you need to know when to hang back or when to part ways so you can avoid getting in the way. If people attend without attending a training, they might find themselves accidentally swept up in a moment where folks are being arrested for something like, for example, being outside of the permitted area.

Should we bring signs?

Visuals are super important to communicating our message! See the “messaging and visuals” section below for some tips on what sort of imagery to bring with you and what to leave at home. (For folks who are risking arrest, do not bring anything that you don’t want to lose; more on this in the “what not to bring” section.)

Messaging & Visuals

This is a great opportunity to use your skills. Visuals, poetry, and props are powerful communicators of our messages. Our goal is to send a loud, unified, defiant and feminist message across race and place to every corner of this country. What we say and how we say it matters.

Please do NOT replicate:

We know that many people may not fully understand why this imagery is divisive. We ask you to please err on the side of unity and avoid symbols and language that alienate parts of our community.

- **No coathangers -** we do not want to accidentally re-enforce the Right Wing talking points that self-managed abortions are dangerous, scary and harmful. This includes bloody images on signs or clothes.
- **No Handmaid’s Tale -** The use of Handmaid's Tale imagery to characterize the controlling of women’s reproduction has proliferated, primarily by white women across the country, since the show has gained popularity. This message continues to create more fragmentation, often around race and class, because it erases the fact that Black women, undocumented women, incarcerated women, poor women, disabled women have always had their reproduction controlled in this country its not some dystopic future or past. This is just a heightened attack.

Unifying Imagery:

The color green is encouraged for the symbolism of abortion rights, as the "Green Wave" of Latin America that originated in Argentina has inspired activists all over the world. **Check out this slideshow for information on the history of the color green for abortion rights.**

1) Customize your own graphic
    a) We won't go back
    b) I love someone who has had an abortion
    c) I do not regret my abortion
    d) We won't back down
    e) This XX supports abortion rights
    f) Roe was just the floor
    g) Abortion. Anytime. Any reason.
2) Creative Direct Action Visuals Guide

Social Media Graphics

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Sample Social Media Copy

We will not be silent. We will not be ignored. And we will not let politicians play games with our lives and our futures.

@POTUS take executive action NOW!

We won't comply with unjust laws any longer. We will not be silenced by our opposition, or by those who claim to be with us but don't fight for us.

@WhiteHouse needs to take executive action to protect abortion rights immediately.

We're throwing down in Washington, D.C. on July 9th to demand executive action on abortion rights. We believe that women & people who can get pregnant have the right to control our own bodies—and we need @WhiteHouse to declare a state of emergency to defend our rights NOW!

We know what's at stake—and it's time we demanded our representatives do something about it.

On July 9th, we're taking our bodies to the capital and demanding that the @WhiteHouse take emergency action on abortion rights. This is our future, and we won't let it slip through our fingers.

If you're with us, RSVP now—we don't want to see you there alone!

Are you ready to throw down?

We are. On July 9th, we're taking the fight for abortion rights back to the White House in Washington D.C., and we need YOU to join us. We will not comply with unjust laws—and we won't stop until we can get the reproductive care we need, when we need it.

This is a life or death fight for abortion rights. We're ready to put our bodies on the line and demand emergency action on abortion rights and we need you to step up with us!

There are things that are worth fighting for.

Join us for a protest on July 9th at the White House in Washington D.C., where we will demand emergency action on abortion rights. We are calling for an end to forced pregnancy and the criminalization of abortion care everywhere in the country. Are you with us?

LOGISTICS, TIPS, & ACTION FAQ

Training

Training is mandatory for anyone who wants to participate in this event in any capacity.

On Friday July 8th, there will be two training sessions held at All Souls Church at 6:00pm and 7:30pm.

On Saturday July 9th, there will be one training held at 10:00am at Franklin Square.

You may attend any of these trainings and still support the action, but you must attend at least one of them.

Locations

Training location for July 8th: All Souls Church 1500 Harvard St NW

Training location for July 9th: Franklin Square (14th & K Streets NW)

Meeting point for July 9th: Franklin Square (14th & K Streets NW)

Timing for Day-Of

We will begin gathering at **10am ET** (on the dot, for those who haven't been trained already) at Franklin Square (14th and K Streets NW), and will have a short rally at the gathering space. We will **begin marching by 12:00pm ET** and arrive at the White House for a peaceful demonstration/civil disobedience action around **12:30pm ET.**

Housing

Due to Covid we are not organizing any mass housing for folks. Please check out these nearby hotels:

- Line Hotel
- Sonder Hotel
- Washington Hilton
- The Generator

Volunteering

There will be assigned volunteer roles such as de-escalation and ADA tent support for people who are able to attend the volunteer training on July 8th at 6pm ET. If you are not able to attend the volunteer training, please attend another training. You can still support the action and avoid arrest.

Accessibility

We are working hard to make sure that accessibility is front and center, and all participants feel welcomed, affirmed, and are able to participate fully. In that spirit we are going to be providing the following:

- An ADA seating section will be located directly in front of the stage at the rally and the Training.
- We are working to ensure there is a hard surface to allow easy mobility for wheelchair users for the rally and have checked that the pathway to the training is single level and accessible to wheelchair users. The Wheelchair ramp entrance is located on the 16th Street Side of the church.
- All volunteers, marshalls, and members of the de-escalation team will be trained to provide general support for folks with disabilities. We will also have a specific volunteer crew to support participants with disabilities and give directional information. These specific volunteers will be marked with vests.
- American Sign Language interpretation via Certified Deaf Interpreters will be provided on the stage and at the training
- CART in English will be available on the LED Screen stage left and on the screen at the training
- Spanish interpretation will be available via a conference line that participants may call into. The phone number – (701) 791-9613 – will be included in the slide show and on banners flanking the stage. Interpretación en español estará disponible a través de una linea de conferencia a la que los participantes pueden llamar. El numero de telefono - (701)791-9613– estará incluida en la presentation de diapositivas y en banderas al lado del escenario
- An ADA tent will be provided. It will have:
    - smell sensitivity masks, N95 masks, a generator dedicated to recharging chairs, water, snacks, dog poop bags, sunscreen, ear plugs, and other

support items available. An ADA compatible porta potty will be located next to the tent. One ASL interpreter will be stationed there as well.

- Every area where porta-potties are located will also have ADA-accessible porta-potties.
- All cable ramps that cross pedestrian rights of way will be ADA accessible.

What to wear

- Dress in comfortable layers and comfortable shoes. It is going to be hot and you will likely be standing directly in the sun

How to prepare

- Let people close to you know ahead of time that you are planning to participate in a civil disobedience action and are likely to get arrested. Take time off work if you are able to.
- Have a light breakfast, but a filling one. You will likely not have access to a bathroom for several hours, so keep that in mind.
- We will have water available to folks on site, but please bring your own too.

What to bring

- **As little as possible**. If/when you are arrested, everything you have has to be accounted for by Park Police while you are being processed- the less you bring the better
- Water bottle throughout the day
- A Valid ID that has your current address
- Cash for your post and forfeit - estimate $50-100 (more on this below)
- Any prescription medication you might need over the course of a 12-hour period. All your prescriptions must be in their original bottle.
- Bring a snack to eat just as the arrests are beginning to help carry you through.

Do not bring/wear

- Again- less is more! If you don’t need it that day, then don/t (jewelry, bags, purses, suitcases, etc)

- Any illegal drugs or controlled substances- Keep in mind that even though weed is legal in the District of Columbia, the Whitehouse is federal property, so federal laws do apply.
- Any weapons or anything that could be construed as a weapon (knitting needles, pocket knives, leathermans, etc)

Language & imagery to avoid

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- No Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminists (TERFs). Trans women are women. Our feminist movement, abortion justice, and safe reproductive care are necessary for all people.

What happens if/when I get arrested?

Please note- this is not official legal advice, but based upon observations of previous actions. We will go more in depth about legal implications and the process during our required training on July 8th.

What we believe to be the most likely scenario is that we will trigger an arrest by US Park Police for not being in continuous motion on the sidewalk. By not being in motion, you will be actively committing a citable offense in the District of Columbia "Failure to obey a lawful order" (Section 18, 2002.2). This arrest falls under a unique DC instrument called a Post and Forfeit in which you will likely be taken offsite, or into a nearby park to be processed by US Park Police.

While being processed you will be offered to post collateral, forfeiting your right to go to trial and the collateral you just posted, and ending the procedure. By posting, you are not admitting guilt to the crime you could have commited, but you are ending the legal process from this action. It does, however, show up on your record as an arrest.

“Failure to obey a lawful order” (Section 18, 2002.2)- is a citation level offense, below both a misdemeanor or a felony and is akin to walking your dog without a leash or jaywalking.

Another possible outcome is that you will be taken and processed offsite, or in a nearby park and given a “citation and release” which means you will be required to attend an arraignment hearing in DC in 2-3 weeks (likely via zoom) where you could be offered a post and forfeit then, a diversion option, or be asked to go to trial Going to trial unless you refuse the other options is the most unlikely outcome.

The last and least likely possible outcome is that you will be held over the weekend until Monday where you will see a judge for your arraignment hearing where you could be offered a post and forfeit then, a diversion option, or be asked to go to trial (the most unlikely of unlikely.)

Again, we will go more in depth during the training on July 8th.

Important info when considering an arrest

- It is official policy of the US Park Police to respect people's gender identities and sexual orientations, but that is not always the case. We want to be honest with folks about that- and know that we cannot guarantee they will do so, but know we will fight for you if they do not.
- **We are asking those who are under 18 to not participate in this action**. If you are under 18 and are arrested, you will be taken away from the group transferred to custody of the Metropolitan Police Department and will be required to be released only to your legal guardian. Juveniles will also not be offered a post and forfeit and will be required to go through the complete legal process of the Juvenile Justice System
- US Park Police is a Federal Agency and is in communication with other federal agencies such as ICE. If you are undocumented or on a green card or visa, please consult with your own personal lawyer for impacts on your immigration status.
- If you have an open court case or warrant you are likely to be held overnight and can be held until your next court date or transferred back to the jurisdiction that has a warrant for your arrest.
- If you have done this type of action numerous times before, or have previous felony convictions, there is a higher likelihood that you will be held until Monday.
- There are countless special circumstances when choosing to risk arrest- and your choice is the right choice for you.